

Application No. 10/815,315
Reply to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In a telephone conversation with the undersigned on December 3, 2004, the Examiner indicated that he would allow the present application, provided that the previously withdrawn claims (i.e., claims 2-7 and 15-25), now reinstated by the Examiner, are amended for consistency with independent claims 1. Accordingly, the previously withdrawn claims have been amended according to the Examiner's instructions and thus it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance.

In addition, claim 26 has been canceled and replaced by newly added claim 27 to address the Examiner's concerns about the underlining presented in claim 26.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0537, referencing our Docket No. ST8803.1US.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: December 9, 2004

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